

SOVEREIGNTY | COMMUNITY | TRANSPARENCY

Aanii Boozhoo Inawemaaganak. Gdinmikoon. Anishinaabe-Odawa kwe ndaaw miinwaa Waganakising Odawa ndodabendaagwaz. Nme ndodem. Anishinaabe aki ndoonjiba. Jaadaan Shawwawnawnawquet ndo zhaaganaashii noozwin. Nhow.

Hello Relatives, I greet you all in a good way. For those of you who may not know me, my name is Jordan Shananaquet. I am the daughter of Greg Shananaquet and granddaughter of Joan Shananaquet-ba. My family comes from Burt Lake, Nahma, and Grand River. I am Sturgeon clan. One of my clan gifts is weaving together different knowledge systems. In my work, I have used this skill to make decisions that are rooted in the best interest of our community.

The individual and collective voice(s) in our community *matter*. I want to make sure you are represented when decisions are made that affect you, your family, and our people. I humbly ask for your support to represent our community in a good way as a Tribal Councilor.

When I finished school, I came home to serve our Tribal Nation. As a recipient of the Michelle Chingwa Education Honorarium, I felt it was important to give the knowledge I learned *back* to our community. Over the last six years, I held the role of Tribal Archivist and more recently, as the Niigaandiwin Education Director. During my time at LTBB, I acted as a steward of government and community. I developed and coordinated programming, services, and large-scale events to address the needs of our people. As a candidate for Tribal Council, my platform prioritizes *sovereignty*, **community**, and *transparency*.

- <u>SOVEREIGNTY</u>: I fundamentally believe in exercising our sovereignty as a Native Sovereign Nation, including language and culture preservation and revitalization, treaty rights, economic development, control and jurisdiction of our people, lands, and waters.
 I will act as a steward of our sovereignty and collaborate with citizens and elected leadership to create and enact laws that promote the wellbeing of our Citizens and strengthen our Tribal Sovereignty.
- <u>COMMUNITY</u>: Community is at the heart of who we are as Waganakising Odawak and
 why we exist as a tribal government. Our Constitution reflects this commitment to our
 community. It is the duty of the branches of government to uphold our constitutional
 priorities in the work that it carries out. I will work tirelessly to create and enact laws
 that safeguard our ancestral knowledge and establish and maintain spaces that promote
 the health and wellbeing of our Tribal Citizens.

• **TRANSPARENCY:** Transparency is key to civic engagement and accountability. It is the responsibility of public servants to ensure that citizens have access to information necessary for active participation in tribal government—regardless of residency. I will advocate for <u>consistent</u> communication through multiple outlets to keep LTBB citizenship informed. This is an important step to ensuring that the actions taken by tribal leadership align with the needs and interests of our Tribal Citizens.

For more information about who I am, my platform, and key issues, visit LTBBCitizens4Change.com

Chi Miigwech for the opportunity to serve.

Jordan Shananaquet